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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM LUERS

FOLLOWING ARE MODIFICATIONS IN SCHEDULE TRANSMITTED BY REFTEL
WHICH WERE SUGGESTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER OR EFFECTED BY OTHER CONSUL-
TATIONS:

A. NATIONAL PANTHEON CLOSES AT 6:00 P.M. BY LOCAL LAW AND NO
EXCEPTIONS HAVE EVER BEEN MADE. IF SECRETARY CAN ARRIVE AT PANTHEON
BY NO LATER THAN 6:00 P.M., CEREMONY CAN PROCEED. OTHERWISE,
CEREMONY MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED ON SUNDAY.

B. FOREIGN MINISTER SUGGESTS THAT CALL ON PRESIDENT BE AT 8:30 P.M.
ON SATURDAY AND THAT STATE DINNER BE AT LA CASONA, THE PRESIDENTIAL
RESIDENCE. PERIOD BETWEEN WREATH LAYING AND CALL ON THE PRESIDENT
WOULD BE FREE TIME.

C. FOREIGN MINISTER IS "SURE" THAT FORMER PRESIDENT BETANCOURT WILL
BE AT STATE DINNER AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE THE SECRETARY PRIVATELY.
PARTICIPATION OF FORMER PRESIDENT CALDERA IS SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION.

D. FOREIGN MINISTER SUGGESTS BREAKFAST WITH PRESIDENT AT 8:30 A.M.,
SUNDAY.

E. PRESIDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN WORKING LUNCHEON ON SUNDAY IS
SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION.

F. FOREIGN MINISTER HAS STRONG PREFERENCE FOR SECRETARY, AND ENTIRE
PARTY IF POSSIBLE, STAY AT CIRCULO MILITAR. HE REQUESTED THAT
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FOREIGN MINISTRY STAFF AND EMBASSY MAKE ON-THE-SPOT SURVEY

TOMORROW, APRIL 18TH AND REPORT BACK TO HIM.
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